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1. Japanese Application No. 2001-181435 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 6 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is also enclosed.
2. Japanese Patent No. 3,351,940 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 6 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is also enclosed.
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5. Japanese Patent No. 2,711,633 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 6 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is also enclosed.
6. Japanese Application No. 2003-217554
7. Japanese Application No. 2002-367589
8. Japanese Application No. 11-130899
9. Japanese Application No. 2003-103624

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents 6-9, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the

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